

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING STATE
REPRESENTATIVE BOB CHERRY

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize State Representative Bob Cherry for his contribution to our state.

For 20 years, Bob has represented Hancock and Madison counties with honor and integrity in the Indiana General Assembly. He continues to be a strong advocate for balanced budgets and lower taxes. I had the pleasure of serving alongside Bob during my time in the Indiana General Assembly. Our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Bob has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. He and Deb were among my earliest and most vocal supporters. Jennifer and I cherish our friendship with Bob and Deb. We want to thank them for their prayers and support of my work in Congress. I wish them continued success in all that God has planned for their family.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE
GREG NORRIS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. BRADLEY BYRNE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Greg Norris on the occasion of his retirement as Probate Judge for Monroe County, Alabama. Throughout his career, Judge Norris displayed deep devotion to Monroe County, where he has had an immeasurable impact on economic development and quality of life improvements.

Locally educated at Alabama Southern Community College, and then at Troy University, Judge Norris has a rich understanding of what matters to the people of Southwest Alabama and how to improve the local economy. Judge Norris began his term in office as Probate Judge in 2006. From the start, he was dedicated to the cause of Monroe County's economic future. In his role, Judge Norris also served as the Chairman of the Monroe County Commission, allowing him to provide an even greater service to the community.

During his term in office, Judge Norris created a renewed emphasis on serving the people of our area. He digitized all deed and marriage records, created an online renewal process for tags and driver's licenses, and oversaw 22 fair elections in the county.

As Chairman of the Monroe County Commission, he was able to secure roughly \$33,000,000 in federal and state funds for the

betterment of Monroe County. This included funds for road and bridge projects, airport improvement projects, a VA outpatient clinic, and many other projects that impacted the lives of countless residents.

His economic development achievements speak for themselves: the unemployment rate dropped from well over 20 percent during the recession to less than 6 percent today, he created the Monroeville/Monroe County Economic Development Authority, brought critical new businesses to the community, and oversaw 6 industry expansions.

Judge Norris is also involved in the Kiwanis Club, Pilots for Christ, member of the first Leadership Now class of Monroe County, served on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Delta Regional Authority Delta Leadership Institute Class of 2014–15, and the Association of County Commissions of Alabama.

In his free time, Judge Norris serves as a Sunday School teacher and Deacon at Excel Baptist Church. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his wife, Terry, two children, and six grandchildren.

From the start, Judge Norris made a name for himself in reshaping the modern economy in Monroe County. Monroe County is better off thanks to his service, guidance, and direction.

On behalf of Alabama's First Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, we honor Judge Norris for his incredible service and simply say: thank you.

HONORING SHERIFF JEFF CAPPA

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 15, 2018

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize Sheriff Jeff Cappa for his contribution to our state and Wayne County.

Throughout his career, Jeff has dedicated himself to the safety of his fellow Hoosiers. For nearly eight years, Jeff has served as the Wayne County Sheriff where he has worked tirelessly to ensure communities in Wayne County are safe. Our state and Wayne County is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

Jeff has also been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I want to thank him for his friendship and support of my work. I wish him continued success in all that God has planned for him and his family.

IN RECOGNITION TO THE HEROISM
OF SHERIFF DEPUTY KEVIN
CRIPPS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Kevin Cripps and Fireman Trevor White of Kinmundy, Illinois for their courage.

On September 8, 2018, five young adults attempted to cross over Skillet Fork Creek Bridge when rising waters swept the truck off the road. The group climbed out of the sinking truck through the windows and managed to dial 911.

Sergeant Kevin Cripps took the call and rushed to their aid. Sergeant Cripps used ropes and life jackets to pull the four closest to him away from the current. Fireman Trevor White and Sergeant Cripps combined their efforts to save the fifth person. While Sergeant Cripps braced himself as an anchor, White continued towards the fifth teenager with a rope and life jacket. Sergeant Cripps then pulled in the adolescent and Trevor White to safety. Assistant Fire Chief Brad Hawkey called Sergeant Cripps a hero, saying it was a team effort and that "God was with us".

Mr. Speaker, I personally want to thank these gentlemen for their bravery and efforts in the rescue. Their actions are an example to me and to those within their community. I commend Sergeant Kevin Cripps and fireman Trevor White as we celebrate their heroism and wish them success in their future endeavors.

HONORING U.S. MARSHAL DAN
MCCLAINE

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the entire 6th Congressional District of Indiana, to recognize U.S. Marshal Dan McClain for his contribution to our state and Scott County.

Throughout his career, Dan has dedicated himself to the safety of his fellow Hoosiers. Dan served as Scott County Sheriff before being nominated by President Trump to be U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Indiana. Building on his success as Scott County Sheriff, Dan now works tirelessly to ensure Hoosier communities are safe. President Trump could not have picked anyone better for this role and our state is better off today because of his extraordinary leadership and service.

On a personal note, Dan has been a loyal friend and wise adviser during my entire tenure in Congress. I would like to thank him for

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